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Rush for Crackers

Only GREEN crackers sold

Buyers throng wholesale dealers; Prices increase by 20 to 25 percent

People seen shopping for firecrackers at a wholesale shop in Hebbal this morning.

Mysuru, Oct. 31 (MTY&BCT)- As Deepavali approaches, the sale of firecrackers has surged in Mysuru, with bustling wholesale cracker stalls drawing large crowds. This morning, shoppers flocked to the Hebbal Industrial Area, eager to purchase their festive supplies.

While a few stalls are set up at J.K. Grounds, J.L.B. Road, Kuvempunagar, Lalitha Mahal Road and Boothale Pitch, they did not attract significant crowds. In contrast, the wholesale market at Hebbal Industrial Area witnessed impressive sales, with approximately 80 to 100 buyers at each stall.

The area boasts of over 25 cracker stalls and customers began arriving as early as 8 am. However, the influx of shoppers led to traffic jams, as heavy vehicles carrying industrial equipment became stuck on the roads, obstructed by cars and SUVs parked along both sides.

In compliance with Supreme Court directives and orders from State and Central Governments, only green crackers are being sold this year.

(See CRACKERS on page 8)

Holiday

Our offices will remain closed tomorrow and the day after on account of ***Kannada Rajyotsava*** and ***Deepavali*** respectively. Hence, there will be no issues of ***Star of Mysore*** dated **Nov. 1 and 2, 2024.**

Greetings

We wish a happy **Kannada Rajyotsava** and prosperous **Deepavali** to all our readers, subscribers, advertisers, patrons, delivery boys, agents and well-wishers.

— Management

DKS hints Govt. considering changes in 'Shakti' Scheme

No proposal to discontinue the free bus travel scheme: CM clarifies

Bengaluru Oct. 31 (Agencies)- Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar (DKS) hinted at potential changes to the Shakti scheme, which provides free bus travel for women across the State. He claimed that some women commuters have expressed a preference to pay for their tickets, despite the scheme's goal of alleviating travel costs.

"Many women have been reaching out on social media and through emails, indicating they would prefer to pay for their tickets," he claimed during the launch of KSRTC's new Airavata Club Class 2.0 buses in Bengaluru yesterday. This feedback suggests that certain women feel financially secure enough to purchase bus tickets and would opt to forgo the benefit.

Shivakumar also discussed the reception of the scheme and the Government's commitment to evaluating citizen feedback. This input comes as the State reviews its free transport policies and aims to refine services according to the people's needs.

The Shakti Scheme, introduced as one of the Congress party's five poll guarantees, was part of its manifesto for the 2023 Karnataka Assembly elections.

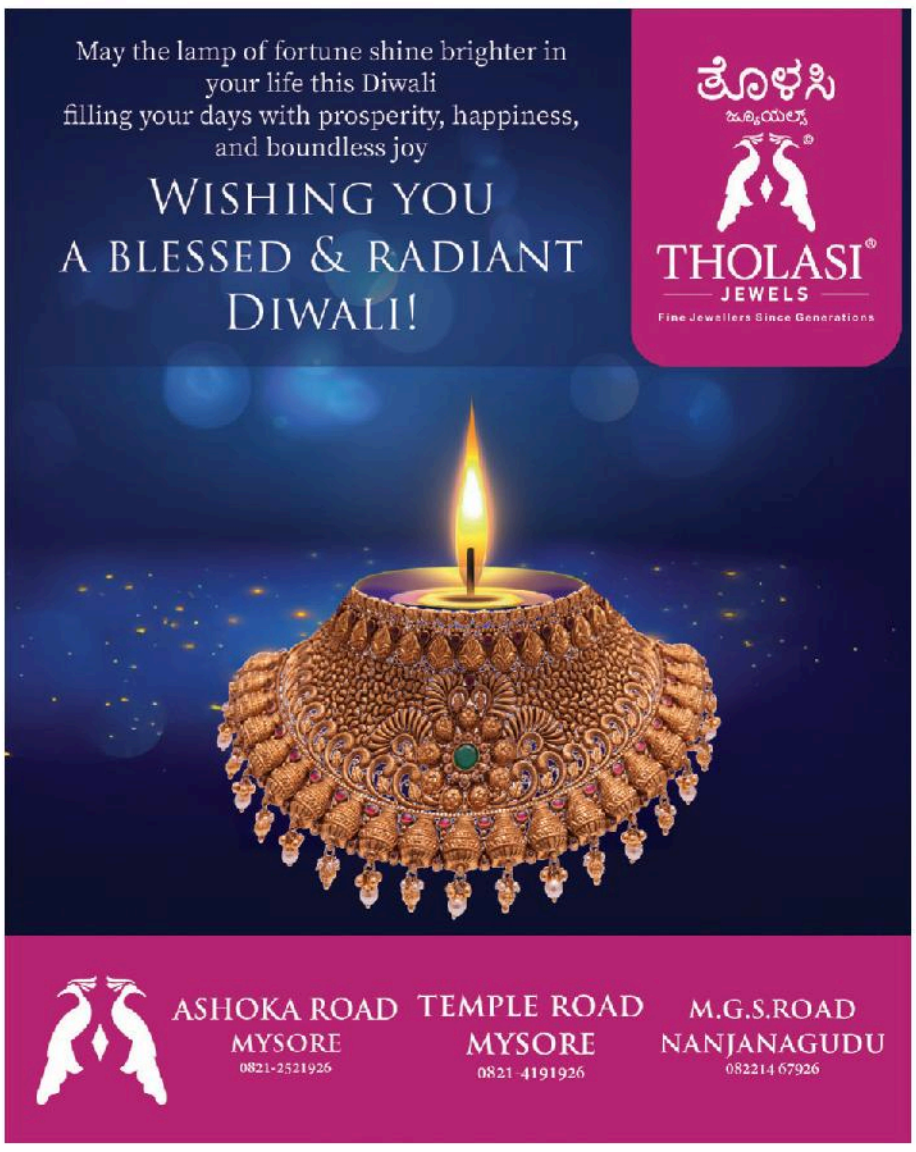
Launched on June 11, 2023, the Shakti Scheme has reportedly benefited over 317.18 crore women, allowing them to travel in KSRTC vehicles without fare, accumulating a total 'zero-ticket' value of Rs. 7,656.33 crore.

In addition to boosting ridership, the Shakti Scheme has led to a remarkable rise in KSRTC's daily operations.

CM Siddaramaiah responds

In response to Shivakumar's remarks regarding a potential review of the Shakti scheme, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has firmly stated in Bengaluru this morning that there is no proposal to discontinue the initiative providing free bus travel for women.

He emphasised that his deputy only "conveyed feedback from some women commuters expressing their willingness to pay for tickets". "I am not aware of Shivakumar's statement," Siddaramaiah noted, underscoring that the Government has no intention or proposal to alter the Shakti scheme.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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 31st October 2024

State Biofuel Board Chairman visits BRIDC at NIE

Mysuru, Oct. 31 (KS) - Karnataka State Biofuel Board Chairman Sudheendra, accompanied by Officer on Special Duty to the Chief Minister Dr. Vaishnavi along with other officials from the Biofuel Board, visited Mysuru District **Biofuel Research Information and Demonstration Centre (BRIDC)** at the National Institute of Engineering (NIE), in city recently.

Centre Coordinator Prof. Shamsundar along with staff and students, showcased several pilot projects developed by NIE, including Bio-CNG, carbon capture, biogas, biodiesel and other biofuel technologies.

Biofuel Board Chairman expressed his appreciation for the efforts of NIE -CREST, BRIDC team and engaged in discussions about implementing pilot biofuel, bio-CNG, carbon capture and microgrid projects across the State. Sudheendra showed great interest in the biofuel technologies being developed at NIE and emphasised his intent to scale them up for broader application.

During the visit, biodiesel was successfully injected into vehicles, further demonstrating the practical applications of the research. The interaction provided valuable inputs from the Chairman, which was crucial for the future development of the biofuel unit at NIE.

Head and Coordinator of BRIDC at NIE-CREST Prof. Shamsundar, expressed gratitude for the insights shared and reiterated NIE's commitment to advancing sustainable biofuel technologies for the State.

Students, staff and other officials were present.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

WELCOME TO AYODHYA, A PLACE OF ETERNAL PEACE: ***The festival of Deepavali reflects the love, strong character and dignity embodied by Ram and Sita. It is a powerful testament to the triumph of truth over falsehood. That is why, even after thousands of years, we celebrate Deepavali, light diyas and celebrate Ram's victory over Ravan and his return to Ayodhya.***

The story of Ram is incomplete without Hanuman, just as the journey of any disciple is incomplete without a guru. Guru destroys the Ravan of ignorance with wisdom, facilitating the attainment of peace in the form of Sita. The seeker's mind, once a battlefield, transforms into a place free from conflict, duality, transactions, arguments, or deceptions. There is no attachment, aversion, pride, or insult. When all forms of inner battles cease, that inner state is Ayodhya.

One Deepavali is external, and another is internal. The external Deepavali comes and goes, but once you learn how to defeat the Ravan of ignorance, every night becomes Deepavali. It is celebrated on the night of Amavasya, the new moon, as Deepavali symbolises that in the darkness of life, those who light the lamp of knowledge experience light both within and without.

The deepest darkness is ignorance, which leads us to believe that we are living a good life and will continue to do so indefinitely. We fail to realise that just as a lamp goes out when oil is depleted, the lamp of life also eventually extinguishes. The true celebration of Deepavali is by those who, while still alive, have lit the lamp of meditation to remove darkness from their minds. When this light illuminates your heart, every action you perform will be auspicious.

—Anandmurti Gurumaa in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Escaped parrots found 60 miles from home

London: Two parrots which escaped from the London Zoo during a free-flight exercise were found six days later after flying about 60 miles.

The zoo said on social media that blue-throated macaw sisters Lily and Margot failed to return to their enclosure after a routine free-flying exercise on Oct. 21.

Members of the public were urged to report any sightings of the colourful birds, but not attempt to capture them, as the parrots could become spooked and fly further from their home.

Zoo-keepers on Sunday responded to a reported sighing of Lily and Margot in the trees near a family's back yard in Buckden, Cambridgeshire, about 60 miles from the zoo.

The birds took wing again, but were tracked to a field in nearby Brampton. "When Lily and Margot spotted our bird keepers, they flew down from the tree they were resting and straight onto the arms of our zoo-keepers," zoo officials wrote on Facebook.

Paddington Bear issued official passport

London: Britain's Home Office issued an official passport for fictional character Paddington Bear after a request from the makers of the upcoming film 'Paddington in Peru.'

Rob Silva, co-producer of the film, said he and his team contacted the Home Office asking for a replica passport to use in the movie.

The document bears Paddington's photo, as well as his June 25 birthday and his birth location in Peru. "We wrote to the Home Office asking if we could get a replica, and they actually issued Paddington with an official passport -- there's only one of these," Rob Silva, co-producer of the film said.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Early detection through regular screenings can significantly improve the outcomes of cancer treatment.

By Dr. Jayakarthik Y - Surgical Oncology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

manipalhospitals
LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Elected as Acting-President of Mysore Athletics Club

Mysuru, Oct. 31- Dr. C. Krishna, Vice-President of Mysore Athletics Club (MAC), has been elected as Acting-President of the Club, following the demise of Club President and former MLA Vasu, till new President is elected.

Dr. C. Krishna

Other office-bearers of the Club for the year 2024-26 are as follows: Vice Presidents - Dr. C. Krishna and Dr. Chain Singh Raj Purohit, Secretary - M. Yogendra, Chief Co-ordinator - C.K. Muralidharan, Organising Secretary and Coach - G.R. Prabhakar, Treasurer - K. Gururaj, Joint Secretaries - Mahadevaiah, K. Gopinath and H.R. Ramaswamy, Organising Joint Secretary - B.K. Raje Urs, PRO - B. Srikanth and Financial Advisor and Auditor - K.B. Gangadhar

Those who are interested in taking coaching/ training in athletics may contact G.R. Prabhakar on Mob: 97519-71978 or 94488-58676 or M. Yogendra on Mob: 94480-46667.

WATER LEVEL

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Today's level **124.80 feet**	Today's level **2,283.22 feet**	Today's level **2,855.24 feet**
Last year's level **99.46 feet**	Last year's level **2,273.14 feet**	Last year's level **2,848.93 feet**
Yesterday's level **124.80 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,283.33 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,855.65 feet**
Today's Inflow **6,336 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **273 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **77 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **6,078 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,000 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,650 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***The Inland Taipan (also known as the Western Taipan) is the world's most venomous snake. Its venom is by far the most toxic of any snake and it is estimated that just one bite contains enough lethality to kill at least 100 adult humans!***
- ***One of the world's weirdest animals, the Horned Lizard, is able to shoot blood – loaded with foul toxins gleaned from a diet of venomous ants – from their eyes, to a distance of up to nine times their body length.***

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First Beggar: If you are blind instead of lame, you could earn more money. Second beggar: That also I tried, I got all fake coins!!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 84.08
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 108.87
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.89
1 Euro	= Rs. 91.28

VOICE OF THE READER

Allow vehicles on Nandi Road atop Chamundi Hill

Sir,

Traffic was blocked for vehicles heading towards the Nandi Statue atop Chamundi Hill during Dasara. This decision disrupted the flow of both uphill and downhill traffic. While the multi-storeyed parking facility on Chamundi Hill offers ample parking space, the bottleneck at the entry and exit points remains chaotic. Authorities are urged to address this issue promptly.

Additionally, similar to the arrangements on Ashada Fridays, measures should be implemented during Dasara, with limited private cars allowed to the hilltop and an increased number of buses operating from the foothill to the summit.

— Vasanth K. Ramu

Mysuru 25.10.2024

S. Shankar and team to perform at Mysore Vasudevacharya's house

Mysuru, Oct. 31- Senior musician Vid. S. Shankar and the members of the team 'Nādābhishēkam,' led by Vid. N.S. Abhishek, will be paying tributes to Mysore Vasudevacharya by presenting a concert at Vasudevacharya's house near Agrahara in city on Nov. 3 at 10.30 am.

Vid. Shankar

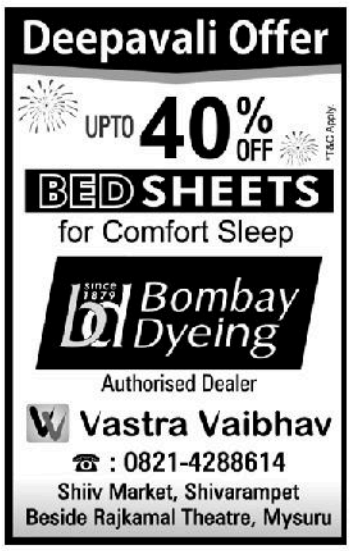
Vid. Abhishek

Profiles

Vid. S. Shankar has been a leading vocalist and a popular teacher in the State during the last five decades. He has performed all over the country and abroad and has been presenting innovative thematic concerts.

He has published several books and has directed many documentaries on music and musicians. He has been a recipient of many awards, including the 'Karnataka Rajyotsava Prashasti' and the Central Sangeet Natak Akademi Award.

Vid. Abhishek has learnt under Vidu. Veena and Vidu. Shubha Ramaswamy and is currently a disciple of Vid. S. Shankar. He is a B-High Graded artiste of All India Radio (AIR) and he has been a performing artiste for the last 15 years.



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NEWS BRIEFS

Story-telling

As part of 'Kathe Kelona Banni-852,' Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling by **B. Balakrishnaiah,** retd. Teacher and State Resource Person, Mysuru, at Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, on Nov. 2 from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm. For details, contact Mob: 92435-81097 or 99459-43115.

Rajyotsava celebrations

K. Puttaswamy First Grade College (FGC), Gokulam 3rd Stage, has organised 69th Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations at its Computer Lab on Nov. 4 at 3.30 pm. Vidyavardhaka Sangha (VVS) Hon. President Gundappa Gowda will preside. St. Philomena's College retd. Professor C.V. Sridharamurthy will be the chief guest. VVS Hon. Secretary P. Vishwanath, VVS Hon. Treasurer Shrishaila Ramannavar and K. Puttaswamy FGC Principal Dr. M. Shivalingegowda will be the special invitees, according to a press release.

Acting workshop

Mahabelaku, Mysuru, has organised free acting workshop for school, college students and theatre enthusiast youths at Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University premises in city at 5 pm from Nov. 4. Interested may register their names by contacting Mob: 81500-85480 or 82773-15586.

Matrimonial Meet

Sri Basaveshwara Vadhu-Varara Vivaha Vedike will be hosting a Veerashaiva-Lingayat Matrimonial Meet at Sri Vidyabharathi Kalyana Mantapa, Uttaradi Mutt Road, near Gun House Circle, from 3 pm to 6 pm on Nov. 10. Graduate Brides and Bridegrooms of the community from Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar and Kodagu districts with a good job in hand, can register before Nov. 9. For details, contact Mob: 96862-05346, according to a press release from Vedike President G.M. Basavarajendraswamy.

Guest Lecturers

A direct interview will be held for the post of Guest Lecturers in English, Karnatak Music and Hindustani Music Departments of the Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal (KSGH) Music and Performing Arts University for the year 2024-25 on Nov. 5 at 11.30 am. Eligible candidates (who have passed NET/ K-SET or obtained Ph.D along with course work) may attend the interview along with original documents.

Sculptor Arun Yogiraj, Janni, Dr. Satyanarayana from Mysuru among 69 Karnataka Rajyotsava Awardees

Arun Yogiraj

Janardhan

D. Ramu

Vidu. Lalita Rao

Dr. Satyanarayana

Rajagopal

Putteeramma

Dr. Padma Shekar

Bengaluru, Oct. 31 (KMS&BS)- Sculptor of Ayodhya Ram Temple's Balak Ram idol Arun Yogiraj, former Chief Minister M. Veerappa Moily, former Minister and writer B.T. Lalitha Nayak, retired Chief Secretary of State Government S.V. Ranganath, Dr. Satyanarayana Mysore are among 69 achievers who have made notable contributions in several fields, selected for Karnataka Rajyotsava Award announced by the Government for the year 2024-25.

The achievers from Mysuru among them are Arun Yogiraj adjudged for the award in the field of sculpture, former Rangayana Director H. Janardhan (Janni) and D. Ramu in theatre, Vidu. Lalita Rao (Vidu. Lalita Kore M. Rao) in the field of classical dance and Dr. Satyanarayana Mysore in medical field, P. Rajagopal of Mandya in music, Putteeramma of Chamarajanagar in the field of agriculture and former VC of Karnataka Sanskrit University Dr. Padma Shekar of Kodagu in the field of education.

The awards will be conferred in a ceremony organised tomorrow (Nov. 1) on account of Kannada Rajyotsava at Ravindra Kalakshetra in Bengaluru. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will be presenting the awards that includes a Gold Medal and a purse of Rs. 5 lakh.

The list of State Rajyotsava awardees from various fields is as follows:

Folklore: Imamsaab M. Vallepanavar, Ashwaramanna, Kumaraiah, Veerabhadraiah, Narasimhalu (visually challenged artiste), Basavaraj Sangappa Haarival, S.G. Lakshmidevamma, Picchalli Srinivas and Lokaiah Shera (Bhootaradhane).

Film-Small Screen: Hema Chaudhary and Narasimhamurthy; **Music:** P. Rajagopal and A.N. Sadashivappa; **Dance:** Vidu. Lalita Rao; **Administration:** S.V. Ranganath.

Medical: Dr. J.B. Bidanahal, Dr. Satyanarayana Mysore and Dr. Lakshmana Hanumanthappa Bidari; **Social Service:** Veerasangaiah, Heerachand Vagmare, Mallamma Sulagitti and Dileep Kumar; **Foreign Country:** Kannaiah Naidu, Dr. Thumbay Moideen and Chandrashekar Nayak; **Environment:** Almitra Patel.

Agriculture: Shivanapura Ramesh and Putteeramma.

Media: N.S. Shankar, Sanath Kumar Belagali, A.G. Karatagi and Ramakrishna Badseshi.

Sculpture: Arun Yogiraj.

Science and Technology: Prof. T.V. Ramachandra and Subbaiah Arunan; **Co-operation:** Virupakshappa Nekara.

Bayalata: Siddappa Kariyappa (visually challenged) and Narayanappa Shillekyata.

Yakshagana: Keshav Hegde and Seetaram Tholpady.

Theatre: Saraswati Julekha Begum, H.B. Obalesh, Bhagyashri Ravi, D. Ramu, H. Janardhan and Hanumandas Pawar.

Literature: B.T. Lalitha Nayak, Allamaprabhu Bettaduru, Dr. M. Veerappa Moily, Hanumantha Rao Doddamani, Dr. Balasaheb Lokapura, Byramangala Ramegowda and Dr. Prashanth Madta.

Education: Dr. V. Kamalamma, Dr. Rajendra Shetty and Dr. Padma Shekar; **Sports:** Jude Felix Sebastian, Gowtham Verma and R. Umadevi; **Judiciary:** Balan; **Painting:** Prabhu Harasur; **Handicrafts:** Chandrashekar Sirivanthe.

69 achievers get District Rajyotsava award

Mysuru, Oct. 31- A total of 69 achievers from different fields have been selected for the Mysuru District Kannada Rajyotsava award this year. The awardees are as follows:

Kannada Activists: K. Tejovathi, Kalappa, C.J. Lokesh, N.G. Girish and Dairy Venkatesh.

Social Service: N. Bhaskar, Harish, K. Jayaprakash Rao, S.V. Raghavendra, Dr. T. Thyagaraju, S. Ranganath, Malini R. Phalaksha, T.C. Rajesh Gowda, M.S. Sushma, M.M. Nikhilesh, Devagalli Somashekar, T. Suresh and H.R. Nagendrarao.

Yoga, Karate and Sports: Dr. M.L. Rajendra Prasad, Akash Aradhya, Dr. B.P. Murthy, M. Siddaraju, B.R. Paranjyothi, Falkia Khan and R. Govindaraju.

Education: Dr. P.N. Hemachandra, N. Suresh, G. Ravishankar and Dr. V.G. Siddaraju.

Folklore: Chikkathayamma, M. Mahalinga, N. Malleshaiah and Thirumalegowda.

Journalism: K. Shashikumar, L. Satish, J. Naveen Kumar, M. Subramanya, M.T. Mahadev, Hanagodu Nataraj, C.K. Mahendra and Gavimatha Ravi.

Theatre: Kumar Arasegowda, V. Albert and Prasad Kundur; , **Acting:** Tushara N. Bharadwaj; **Dance:** Dr. Sanjay Shantaram.

Literature: K. Kempanna, Dr. S. Puttappa Mudigunda, Siddaswamy, M.N. Latha Mohan and Dr. Pushpa Iyengar.

Music: H.M. Mahadev, M.S. Janakiram, R.K. Padmanabha and P. Javaranayaka; **Medical:** Dr. Raghunath Aladakatte, Dr. S. Ranganathaiah, Dr. Shobha and Dr. Usha Hegde.

Legal Service: Advocate Law Guide Venkatesh, Editor of *Law Guide* Kannada monthly.

Army: Gajanana T. Bhat and H.S. Nanjundaswamy; **Miscellaneous:** Nagaraju M. Tagadur; **Environment:** P.A. Radha and H.N. Srikantha Kashyap; **Religious Service:** Dr. R. Chakrapani and Prashanth Arya.

Painting: Ameena Begum M. Kalekhan; **Fine Arts & Architecture:** Parvathi Ramakrishnaiah.

Five from Mysuru among 100 'Suvarna Mahotsava' Awardees

Bengaluru, Oct. 31 (Agencies)- As part of Karnataka Sambhrama-50 celebrations, the State Government has selected 50 men and 50 women achievers including five from Mysuru for 'Suvarna Mahotsava Award', that will be conferred at Kalamandira in city tomorrow (Nov. 1) by the Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

Among the awardees, Kenchaiah (folklore), Fajlu Rehman Khan (painting), Malathisri (theatre), Dr. Rathirao (Science and Technology) and Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal are from Mysuru district.

A total of 12 achievers have been selected for the award in the field of folklore, followed by six in Medical, nine in Media, two in Environment, three in Yakshagana/ Bayalata, nine in Theatre, seven in Sculpture and Painting, one in Photography, three in Music, five in Miscellaneous, 12 in Social Service, 10 in Literature, seven in Education, two in Sports, four in Agriculture, Rathirao in Science and Technology and one each in Administration, Dance and Freedom Struggle.

Congress leaders demand 'Karnataka Ratna' for S.M. Krishna

Mandya, Oct. 31- Even as the State Government on Wednesday announced the Kannada Rajyotsava Award-2024, a couple of Congress leaders of Mandya district have appealed Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Kannada & Culture Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi to honour former Karnataka Chief Minister S.M. Krishna with the prestigious 'Karnataka Ratna' Award, at a time when Mandya, the native district of the veteran leader, is hosting the Akhila Bharata Kannada Sahitya Sammelana next month.

S.M. Krishna

In a letter addressed to the Chief Minister and the Kannada & Culture Minister, Congress MLC Dinesh Gooligowda and Guarantee Schemes Implementation Authority Vice-Chairman Venkataramanegowda (Star Chandru), said that Krishna is a veteran politician who had served in various posts.

Noting that the nonagenarian has served the State for over five decades, they said that at a time when the State is celebrating the 69th Kannada Rajyotsava, Krishna must be decorated with the coveted honour of 'Karnataka Ratna' for all the services he has rendered to the State and the country, serving as a Chief Minister, Union Minister and Governor.

Pointing out that Krishna hails from Mandya district, the two said that Krishna must be credited for Bengaluru coming to be known as the Silicon City and the IT-BT hub of the country.

Responding to the plea of Dinesh Gooligowda and Venkataramanegowda, Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi has asked the Department Secretary to submit a file in this regard.

Sculptor Arun Yogiraj happy about award

Mysuru, Oct. 31 (PM&BS)- Sculptor Arun Yogiraj, renowned for carving the Balak Ram idol consecrated at Ayodhya's Sri Ram Mandir, is currently in the Netherlands as the State Government announced the Karnataka Rajyotsava Award to him.

Born in 1983, Arun began his journey in sculpture and received his primary education at home. His family boasts a legacy of five generations in the field, with his father, Yogiraj, also recognized as a prominent sculptor.

Speaking over the phone from the Netherlands, Arun expressed his happiness at being considered for the award.

"With the blessings of all, I sculpted the idol of Balak Ram at Ayodhya, which has been recognized for this honour. I did not apply for the award, yet I am grateful to be acknowledged. I have a prior engagement in the Netherlands on Nov. 3, but I will return to India in time to receive the award during the Karnataka Rajyotsava celebrations on Nov. 1," Arun said.

Ramu, a veteran clarinet artiste

Mysuru, Oct. 31 (MK&BS)-Veteran clarinet artist Ramu, with an impressive 45 years of experience, has been honoured with the Rajyotsava Award this year.

At 87 years old, Ramu is the son of the late Dasappa and Lakshmamma. He honed his skills under the guidance of esteemed musicians such as A.A. Narayanappa from Akashvani Mysuru and G.G. Pereira, a prominent exponent of Western music, while also studying Karnataka Classical Music at Trinity College in London.

Throughout his illustrious career, Ramu has collaborated with several professional drama companies, including Chamundeshwari, Kottoorappa, Hirannaiah Mitra Mandali, and Sheshachar. He has also been part of Mysuru Ananthaswamy's music troupe. Ramu enriched countless theatre songs with his clarinet performances, working alongside well-known singers like P. Kalingarao and Paramashivan of Bengaluru.

Speaking to *SOM*, Ramu expressed gratitude for receiving the Rajyotsava Award, stating, "This recognition acknowledges my contributions to the field of music."

"I have been performing on the clarinet since 1954 and collaborated with Srinivas Iyengar for the film 'Apoorva Chintamani,' recorded at Premier Studios in Mysuru, with P. Shamanna as the music director. I also provided background music for the film 'Allamaprabhu,' directed by Shankar Singh," he recalled.

"I have accompanied Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji in music concerts across the globe. I have delivered background score for the play 'Echchamma Nayaka,' featuring M.P. Shankar, Thoogudeepa Srinivas, Narasimharaju and Sarojadevi. I am grateful for the recognition I have received," Ramu added.

Never went after award, says Janni

Mysuru, Oct. 31 (MK&BS)- H. Janardhan, popularly known as Janni, the former Director of Rangayana Mysuru, has been selected for this year's Karnataka Rajyotsava Award, recognising his significant contributions to the arts among 69 honourees.

At 64, Janni resides in Bogadi, and is a graduate of the National School of Drama (NSD) specialising in Theatre Acting. He has been actively involved in theatre, particularly within the Dalit and community theatre movements.

Under the mentorship of the late Ki. Ram. Nagaraj, Janni successfully adapted several literary works for the stage, including 'Singiraja Sampadane,' 'Samagara Bheemavva,' 'Alle Kuntavare,' 'Koleya Hindina Ratri,' 'Kaththe Maththu Dharma,' and 'Kalki Maththu Nagi.'

In addition to his theatrical achievements, Janni is a popular folk singer dedicated to societal causes. He has performed in numerous street plays, including Girish Karnad's 'Hayavadana,' Bertolt Brecht's 'Thaayi,' Poornachandra Tejaswi's 'Kubi Maththu Iyala,' U.R. Ananthamurthy's 'Samskara,' 'Kaththale Daari Doora,' 'Chora Charanadasa,' 'Shishunala Sharif,' and 'Kuri.' His directorial work includes plays such as Devanur Mahadeva's 'Kusumabale' and 'Odalala,' Dr. Chandrashekar Kambar's 'Thukrana Kanasu' and 'Mahamaayi,' and Lankesh's 'Muttisikondavanu,' among others.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Janni expressed his gratitude, stating, "It is an honour not just for myself but for the field of Kannada theatre and its artistes. I never sought the award, but I appreciate the Government's recognition of my contributions. I hope this recognition paves the way for the future growth of theatre and inspires the next generation."

Honour for conserving Mysore Style Bharatanatyam: Lalita Rao

Mysuru, Oct. 31 (MK&BS)- Bharatanatyam danseuse Vidushi Lalita Rao has expressed her gratitude for receiving the Karnataka Rajyotsava Award, describing it as a recognition of her dedication to advancing the traditions and culture of Mysuru in the realms of dance and music.

At 78 years old, Lalita Rao shared with *Star of Mysore* that her journey in dance began in 1957 under the guidance of Padmabhushan Dr. K. Venkatalakshmamma, who was also honoured with the Natyarani Shanthala and Sangeetha Kalaratna Awards.

"The award is a testament to my efforts in conserving the Mysore Style Bharatanatyam. In 1971, I founded Shanthala Nritya Kala Niketana in Bogadi Second Stage, and since then, I have trained thousands of disciples who have achieved success both in India and abroad. For the past 53 years, I have been teaching dance and performing across various states," Lalita Rao recalled.

Her performances include appearances at Ravindra Kalakshetra in Bengaluru, the Mysuru Dasara, and numerous cultural events organised by the Kannada and Culture Department and the Nritya Academy.

Currently residing in Bengaluru, Lalita Rao has also established a dance school there, continuing her significant contribution to the arts.

Dr. Padma Shekar has her roots in Kodagu

Madikeri, Oct. 31 (BS)- Dr. Padma Shekar, a native of Kodagu, a litterateur, education expert, researcher and retired Vice-Chancellor, is among 69 achievers chosen for this year's Karnataka Rajyotsava Award.

Dr. Padma hails from Thorenur village, Kushalnagar taluk in Kodagu district. She has served as the Professor and Chairperson of Department of Studies in Jainology and Prakrit, University of Mysore, Director of Centre for Women's Studies, University of Mysore and Chairperson of Department of Studies in Christianity, University of Mysore.

A recipient of several awards in the fields of research and literature, she is currently a resident of 'Preeti Nilaya', Vijayanagar Second Stage, Mysuru.

Elated by the decision of the State Government to consider her for the award, Dr. Padma Shekar said "I had been a recipient of several awards in the field of literature. Now, I have been awarded for the service rendered in the field of education, which is very close to my heart, that has brought immense joy and happiness for me."

"I have worked in the field of education for 40 years and it was during my tenure in office that, Karnataka Sanskrit University and Department of Studies in Jainology and Prakrit, University of Mysore. The Government has taken cognisance of all these achievements. I humbly recall all those who have nurtured my growth from a remote village to the level of a Professor. I will especially thank former CM Dr. M. Veerappa Moily and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his Government. I was born in Virajpet, Kodagu, where I spent my childhood. I was also the Chairperson of 11th District Kannada Sahitya Sammelan," said Dr. Padma Shekar, recalling her achievements with pride.

This Deepavali: Keep the LIGHT, not the SOUND

By Nidhruv Chandrashekhar
Animal Lover & Wildlife Enthusiast

As we prepare to commemorate Deepavali, the festival of lights that signifies the victory of good over evil, it is vital to contemplate how our choices reverberate throughout the world. Deepavali, a celebration traditionally marked by worship, illumination and joy, has increasingly become intertwined with the disruptive and harmful practice of setting off loud firecrackers.

Every year, we witness the tragic toll that firecrackers exact on animals — dogs, birds, squirrels, snakes and numerous other species. These innocent beings, unprepared for the thunderous explosions, suffer tremendously, often with fatal consequences.

The intense noise and vibrations generated by firecrackers induce severe stress and trauma in animals, many of whom experience cardiac arrest, panic-induced accidents, shock and even convulsions.

For dogs and cats whose hearing is acutely sensitive, the sudden blasts lead to disorientation, deafness and anxiety attacks, prompting them to flee their own homes and guardians.

In their frantic escape, they end up becoming lost and also suffer grievous injuries from vehicles during their disoriented run. Many endure lasting disabilities and emotional trauma as a result.

Birds, driven by sheer terror collide with windows or walls, fracturing their wings and plummeting to the ground, trapped in chaos. In their panic, they suffer from convulsions, leading to further injury or death.

This Deepavali, let us choose to celebrate with compassion. Instead of loud firecrackers, let us illuminate our homes with *diyas*, may be light a few flower pots and sparklers. By doing so, we can ensure that our celebrations do not inflict decibel harm on the lives around us.

Preparing your pet for loud firecrackers

1. Medications: You can feed them anti-anxiety medication before hand to clam them.

2. Decible-Training: Dogs and cats that have not heard loud crackers, perceive that sound as a threat, so play cracker sounds beforehand so they know its not a threat.

3. Distraction with high-value treats: "Self-soothe" techniques involve helping the dog calm down through sniffing, chewing or licking.

4. Let your dog "run it out": A tired, sleepy dog doesn't have the energy to pace or pant through the house.

5. Play white noise or music: The noise of fireworks prompts fear in dogs the most. If you can drown out those crashes and booms with a white noise machine or pleasing music, you can quickly reduce their stress levels.

6. Allow your dog extra space or a hiding place: Many dogs look for somewhere out of sight and hearing of the fireworks. Provide a closed indoor kennel or a closed space they can cower in.

7. Pair your dog with a dog who isn't afraid of fireworks: Modelling, where dogs learn from each other, can work in reverse, too. If your nervous dog sees an older or more dominant dog relaxing and remaining calm during the fireworks display, it can set a precedent.

Deepavali rush: Special train for Vijayapura from Mysuru

The Special Train which left Mysuru Railway Station to Vijayapura yesterday evening.

Mysuru, Oct. 31 (PM&BCT)- The South Western Railway has introduced a special express train between Mysuru and Vijayapura (Bijapur) to accommodate Deepavali festival rush.

For added convenience, a Mobile Unreserved Ticketing System (MUTS) has also been launched at the Mysuru City Railway Station, enabling easier access to tickets during the festive season.

At a media briefing on Wednesday, South Western Railway Divisional Commercial Manager and Public Relations Officer Girish Dharmaraj Kalagonda shared these updates.

The special express train (No. 06567) departed from Mysuru at 6 pm yesterday (Wednesday) and will reach Vijayapura by 2 pm today. The return train (No. 06568) will depart from Vijayapura on Nov. 3 at 7 pm, with a scheduled arrival in Mysuru at 2.20 pm on Nov. 4.

Deepavali typically sees high passenger traffic from Mysuru to North Karnataka and this special service, operating via Bengaluru, is expected to meet the increased demand. Mysuru Station already manages 104 trains daily on various routes, including regular services to Vijayapura.

This Deepavali special has been added without any hike in ticket prices, Dharmaraj confirmed.

He added that passengers are strictly forbidden from carrying firecrackers or any explosive materials in trains. Such items will be confiscated and a fine imposed if detected. Additional squads are deployed to check for ticketless passengers during the festive season.

To manage the crowd, the South Western Railway has taken several measures, as over 52,000 people transit Mysuru Station daily, often exceeding 1,00,000 during festival times.

During Dasara, the station handled a daily footfall of one lakh passengers, totalling around nine lakh for the season. Similarly, for Deepavali, additional staff have been deployed at key stations such as Mysuru, Hassan, Arasikere, Davanagere, and Shivamogga to ensure smooth operations.

Mobile Unreserved Ticketing System launched on an experimental basis at Mysuru City Railway Station

MUTS system for ticket purchase

The Mobile Unreserved Ticketing System (MUTS) has been introduced at Mysuru City Railway Station on a trial basis for Deepavali. This system enables passengers to buy tickets for any route upon arrival at the station, reducing crowding at ticket counters. If MUTS is well-received, it may be extended beyond the trial period.

For added convenience, two information kiosks have been installed at each station to assist passengers. Long-distance trains departing from Mysuru have also been allocated additional coaches to meet increased demand.

Railway Police Force personnel, along with dog squads, have been stationed to manage crowds and ensure security, while extra staff are assigned to provide timely train arrival and departure announcements.

A 24-hour public grievance cell is in place and health inspectors are stationed at the main entrance of Mysuru City Railway Station. Doctors are available for first aid if necessary. These services are set up at Mysuru and other major stations in the division to handle Deepavali rush.

MCC's *Swachh & Shubh Deepavali*

Mysuru, Oct. 31 (KS)- The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), in a bid to create awareness and encourage Mysureans to celebrate Deepavali, the festival of lights in an eco-friendly manner launched various awareness events titled '*Swachh Deepavali, Shubh Deepavali*' on Tuesday in city.

Environmental Engineers, Health Inspectors and Pourakarmikas of MCC are roped in to create awareness and to sensitise residents of all MCC nine zones to use eco-friendly green crackers and celebrate a pollution-free Deepavali.

The MCC teams also visited various schools and colleges in city and created awareness about eco-friendly celebrations.

Meanwhile, MCC Commissioner Ashaad-ur-Rahman Shariff has appealed the residents for safe disposal of firecrackers waste. He urged the residents to collect cracker waste and hand over the same to Pourakarmikas who come to collect waste daily.

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KSRTC's upgraded Airavata from Mysuru to Hyderabad, Chennai

Six more sleeper-class buses sought for Tirupati, Chennai, Mantralaya

Mysuru/Bengaluru Oct. 31 (BLU&BCT)- The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) unveiled its upgraded Airavata Club Class 2.0 Volvo buses in Bengaluru yesterday.

This new Airavata Club Class 2.0 fleet includes 20 Volvo buses, each equipped with advanced features to enhance passenger comfort and operational efficiency. These buses will serve major routes including Shivamogga, Davanagere, Kundapura, Mangaluru, Tirupati, Hyderabad, Chennai, Raichur, Srihari kota, Kasaragod and Kozhikode.

Mysuru has received four of these buses, with two designated for Hyderabad and two for Chennai routes. The buses were officially flagged off at Vidhana Soudha by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar and Transport Minister R. Ramalinga Reddy.

The modern design of the Airavata Club Class 2.0 Volvo boasts a length of 15 metres and increased passenger space, featuring a 2x2 seating configuration that accommodates 51 passengers. Notable highlights include advanced air conditioning, USB and C-type mobile charging points, enhanced safety systems with rear fog lights and a Fire Alarm and Protection System (FAPS) equipped with water nozzles for emergencies.

Demand for sleeper buses

Mysuru KSRTC Divisional Controller Srinivas informed *Star of Mysore* this morning that they have requested six additional sleeper-class buses from the Mysuru Division to service routes to Tirupati, Chennai and Mantralaya in response to rising demand.

Additionally, the Mysuru Division has sought 50 ordinary-class buses to replace old and rickety vehicles that are over 15 years old, he added.

Sarige Suraksha accident relief

In conjunction with yesterday's launch, KSRTC distributed *Sarige Suraksha* accident relief cheques of Rs. 1 crore each to the families of two deceased employees, along with welfare compensation to families affected by non-accident-related fatalities. KSRTC currently serves 34.92 lakh passengers daily across 8,849 vehicles.

To meet the increased post-COVID demand, KSRTC has also refurbished older vehicles. To date, 1,150 buses have been upgraded, including six high-end Volvos that can now travel an additional 4 lakh km.

The Government has approved the addition of 5,800 new buses across the four Transport Corporations in the State. Over the past year, 3,417 buses have already been introduced. This expansion aims to improve service quality and enhance coverage throughout Karnataka, particularly in the light of the Shakti Scheme.

Additionally, KSRTC has launched a recruitment drive to fill 9,000 positions across its divisions, including drivers, conductors and technical staff. So far, 1,883 employees have been recruited, with plans to fill the remaining positions shortly.

Rush for Crackers

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Representatives from Hebbal Industrial Area Crackers Traders Association assured customers that even crackers manufactured in Sivakasi, Tamil Nadu, have been fully converted to green alternatives, allowing for celebrations without contributing to air pollution.

Major stockists have organised crackers by variety, price, and gift items, with all products featuring green labels and barcodes to ensure that only environmentally friendly options are available.

Compared to last year, cracker prices have risen by 20 to 25 percent, attributed to shortages, increased manufacturing costs and lack of pre-orders. A dealer noted, "Compared to the cracker stalls inside the city, the wholesale dealers in Hebbal offer cheaper rates. Prices are higher in city because local dealers purchase from us, adding their profit margins."

This year, buyers have access to over 10 to 15 new varieties of green crackers, providing plenty of options. To ensure safety during sales, traders in Hebbal have taken precautions, stocking fire extinguishers, water and M-sand to address any potential emergencies.

Cancellation of 50:50 site allotment at MUDA

CM directs officials to take action on K.R. MLA's letter

Mysuru, Oct. 31 (BLU&VNS)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who is facing probe by Lokayukta Police, Mysore Division and Enforcement Directorate (ED) in the scam surrounding allocation of alternative sites under 50:50 scheme at Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), has instructed the Secretary of the Department of Urban Development, to initiate action to cancel the allocation of alternative sites under the very scheme.

CM Siddaramaiah's response was in reply to a letter, dated 14.10.2024, by Krishnaraja (K.R.) MLA T.S. Srivatsa demanding cancellation of all alternative sites allocated under the 50:50 scheme by MUDA, apart from initiating action against former MUDA Commissioners Dr. D.B. Natesh and G.T. Dinesh Kumar accusing them of being responsible for irrational allocation of sites.

Srivatsa had also sought to instruct District Registrar and Sub-Registrars to mention the illegally allocated sites as 'MUDA Disputed Sites' in the Encumbrance Certificates (EC) and also to stall development activities in the disputed sites.

The State Government should prevent the sale of illegal sites and also issuing of loan to such sites, states the letter.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* MLA T.S. Srivatsa said that, following the written instruction by the Chief Minister, he had met the Principal Secretary of the Urban Development Department who assured to apprise him about the action to be taken, on Monday.

KEA to link Aadhaar cards of students

Bengaluru, Oct. 31(DM)- In a bid to end irregularities and malpractices, the Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) has decided to link the Aadhaar cards of all students during admission to professional courses.

In a press statement, KEA Executive Director H. Prasanna said that the Authority has already sent a proposal in this regard to the e-Administration Department, which has forwarded it to the Union Government for approval, adding that the Aadhaar-linked registration will help students get all information regarding exams on their cell phones.

300 KSRTC buses to MM Hills

Deepavali Jathra bus service till Nov. 5

Mysuru Oct. 31 (BLU&BCT)- The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) will operate 300 buses from Mysuru to Male Mahadeshwara Hills (MM Hills) for this Deepavali.

The service has already commenced and will continue until Nov. 5 (Tuesday), said Mysuru KSRTC Divisional Controller Srinivas. This special service is designed to transport devotees to MM Hills, a revered site where a Deepavali Jathra is held every year. In addition to the 300 buses, 70 extra buses will service areas around Mysuru, including Hunsur, Kushalnagar, Madikeri and Mandya.

The KSRTC has also deployed 70 additional buses from Mysuru to Bengaluru and 20 buses for the darshan of Hasanamba Devi in Hassan. All additional buses will operate until Nov. 5, Srinivas confirmed.

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Wins gold medal at All India Yachting Regatta-2024

Mysuru, Oct. 31 (BCT)- **K.P. Rinchan** from Mysuru has achieved a remarkable milestone by winning the Gold Medal at the National-level NCC camp, the All India Yachting Regatta-2024.

The All India NCC Yachting Regatta-2024 was held at INS Chilka in Odisha from Oct. 14 to 21, 2024. There were over 100 Cadets from 16 NCC Directorates and the challenges included varying wind conditions that tested the Cadets' skills, strength and endurance levels. The INS Chilka is a premier basic training establishment for the Indian Navy.

Rinchan's journey began with a selection to the Pre-Yachting Camp at the Royal Mysore Sailing Club (RMSC), at the backwaters of the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam, where she clinched the gold in a unit-wise sailing competition.

Following this victory, she advanced to the second and third phases at INS Kadamba, Karwar, ultimately earning a spot at the national competition held at INS Chilka, Odisha, where she secured the top honour.

A student of Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru, pursuing her third-year engineering course, Rinchan is the daughter of Kandanda Harish Poovaiah and Thanachira Reena, residents of Vijayanagar Second Stage, Mysuru.

State-level T10 Cricket for Blind from Nov. 4

Mysuru, Oct. 31 (MTY&VNS)- Two-day State-level T10 Cricket Tournament for Blind will be held at JSS-SJCE Grounds and Railway Grounds from Nov. 4, said Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled, Operations Head Shivaram S. Deshpande.

Addressing media persons at Pathrakartara Bhavan here yesterday, Deshpande said that the tournament, jointly organised by Samarthanam Trust and Karnataka Cricket Association for the Blind, will be inaugurated by Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar at JSS-SJCE Grounds on Nov. 4 at 7.30 am.

Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) Chairman Dr. Mahantesh G. Kivadasannavar, CABI President Buse Gowda, Mysuru Kalyan Mantap Owners Association President S. Murthy and others will be present on the occasion.

A total of 12 teams, comprising 180 cricketers, will take part in the tournament in which a total of 15 matches will be played. The matches will commence at 8 am on both the days. This tourney is also an opportunity for the visually impaired cricketers to knock on the doors of the selectors to represent the State in the Nagesh Trophy, a National-level Tournament and represent India in the Blind Cricket World Cup to be held in Pakistan.

S. Murthy, Chandrakanth Singh, Srinivas and Jayakumar were present at the press meet.

City shooters qualified for National Championship

Mysuru, Oct. 31 (VNS)- The following shooters from city have excelled in the recently concluded Goa Open Shooting Championship and South Zone Shooting Championship and have been qualified for the National Shooting Championship to be held New Delhi: **M.L. Chaithra**, Dept. of Studies in Political Science, Manasagangothri, won gold medal in 10 mts Air Pistol; **M.S. Nagendra,** DGM of BEML Limited and also the oldest Para Shooter of the country, won silver in 50 mts Free Pistol; **A.B. Manjunatheswari** won bronze in 10 mts Air Pistol event along with **K. Shankar Shetty** and **M. Sathish.**

They are coached by National Team Coach M.S. Suresh.

Women's Throwball and Kho-Kho Tourney held at GSSS SSFGC

Mysuru, Oct. 31- GSSS Simha Subbamahalakshmi First Grade College (SSFGC), Mysuru, in association with University of Mysore (UoM), hosted the Mysuru City Inter-Collegiate Women's Throwball and Kho-Kho Tournament, here recently. The tournament was inaugurated by cyclist Lokesh Narasimhachar. Principal Dr. T.S. Rakesh, Tournament Convenor Anthony Moses, GSSS First Grade College Physical Education Director N.J. Darshan, College Sports Coach and Consultant Krishne Gowda were present on the occasion.

About 30 colleges from Mysuru district took part in the tournament. In the Kho-Kho tournament finals, Vivekananda PU College won the first place defeating GSSSIETW (GSSS Institute of Engineering & Technology for Women), Mysuru, while PGSC MGM (Post Graduate Sports Council, Manasagangothri, Mysuru) finished third.

In Throwball, JSS PU College emerged victorious defeating JSS College for Women, Saraswathipuram and GSSSIETW secured third place.

Mysore University Kabaddi Team at South Zone Championship

The men's Kabaddi team of University of Mysore are taking part in the ongoing South Zone Inter-University Kabaddi Championship at SRM University, Chennai. Seen in the picture are *(standing from left)* ***Rathan, Rakesh, Bharath, Mahesh Nayak, Charan, Varun Khandle, Sagar Gawade, Balappa Umre, Omkar Subash;*** *(sitting from left)* ***Sudarshan, Coach Ramesh, Department of Physical Education Director Dr. C. Venkatesh, Team Manager Subash and Shashank. The Championship, which began on Oct. 30, will conclude on Nov. 3.***

MP inspects COSMOS Planetarium Project

Mysuru, Oct. 31 (BCT)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar visited the site of the upcoming planetarium yesterday, assessing the progress of the COSMOS project at the University of Mysore.

"This cutting-edge facility, being constructed by the Indian Institute of Astrophysics, will feature the first tilted dome LED planetarium in India," the MP stated.

The COSMOS centre aims to be a high-tech hub for education and training, focusing on upskilling students and teachers while conducting outreach programmes for the community.

"This visionary project is made possible through the support of Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's MPLADS funds, the Department of Science and Technology, the Department of Atomic Energy and the office of the Principal Scientific Advisor," Yaduveer said.

"Interestingly, the land on which the planetarium is being built was donated by my grandfather and is named the Sri Jayachamaraja Centre for Higher Learning," he added.

Yaduveer also chaired the tri-semester meeting of the District Level Review Committee and Consultative Committee, where they reviewed the progress of various centrally sponsored schemes.

They include PM Swanidhi Scheme: Empowering street vendors with accessible credit, PMAGP Scheme: Bridging the rural-urban divide through affordable housing, PM Jana Suraksha: Securing citizens' lives through social security, Jalasuraksha: Conserving water for a sustainable future and Jeevan Jyothi: Providing affordable insurance to illuminate lives.

"These initiatives are transforming lives in our district. I am committed to ensuring their effective implementation and I extend my special thanks to our dedicated officials, bankers and stakeholders for their tireless efforts," Yaduveer added.

Renovation of four heritage buildings gets post-facto approval

Mysuru, Oct. 31 (PM&BCT)- The State Government has granted post-facto approval for the release of Rs. 1,51,29,199 for the renovation of heritage buildings in Mysuru city, which falls under the jurisdiction of the Mysuru City Corporation. This funding is part of the Nagarothana Phase III project, aimed at preserving the architectural heritage of the region.

The approval follows concerns about the initial withholding of funds for the renovation project. In light of this, the Director of the Directorate of Municipal Administration submitted a proposal to the Government requesting post-facto approval for the disbursement of funds, highlighting that the payments had already been made to workers involved in the project.

The Mysuru Deputy Commissioner had proceeded with payments for four projects under the Nagarothana Phase III initiative, despite the uncertainty surrounding the funding as there were chances of the Government taking back the funds.

This decision was taken to ensure that the ongoing renovation works were not disrupted.

During an audit by the Chief Auditor, there were objections raised regarding the payments being labelled as a diversion of funds. However, officials clarified that there was no misuse of the allocated funds and the spending was within the project's scope.

In their proposal, the Director of the Directorate of Municipal Administration emphasised the necessity of securing post-facto approval for the Rs. 1,51,29,199 already paid.

The renovation efforts are seen as crucial for maintaining the cultural heritage of Mysuru, a city known for its rich architectural history.

As the project progresses, the Government aims to further enhance the beauty of Mysuru's traditional structures while promoting urban development.

Deepavali: Silent Zones till Nov. 2

Mysuru, Oct. 31 - City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar has issued a notification according to Rule 2(C) of The Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000 declaring the radius of 100 metres around Mysuru Zoo, Karanji Lake Nature Park, Kukkarahalli Lake premises, Lingambudhi Lake premises, public parks, hospitals and nursing homes, educational institutions, Law Court premises and religious places as 'Silent Zones.' The bursting of crackers is banned here from Oct. 30 till 12 midnight on Nov. 2.

Ban on child labour in cracker stalls

Mysuru, Oct. 31 - The Mysuru Division Assistant Labour Commissioner, in a press release has stated that there is a ban on employing children below 18 years of age in stalls selling firecrackers and also in crackers manufacturing units as they come under dangerous jobs.

If any children (below 18 years) are found working in cracker stalls, legan action will be initiated against the firecracker stall owners under Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act.

Obituary

J.S. Susheelamma

Mysuru, Oct. 31- J .S. Susheelamma (86), retired teacher and a resident of 10th Cross in V.V. Mohalla, passed away at a private hospital in city yesterday morning.

A spinster, she leaves behind two sisters, one brother and a host of students, relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill last evening, according to family sources.

Susheelamma began her teaching career about 50 years ago at Bharathiya Sthree Samaja in Yadavagiri. Apart from teaching in the school, she used to visit houses to know about children who had dropped out of school for various reasons, advice them, teach them for free and help them take up SSLC exams besides encouraging girl students in learning Hindi and tailoring.

Atrangada N. Pemmaiah

Atrangada N. Pemmaiah (93), a resident of 12th Cross, Amrutheshwara Nagar, Belavadi, passed away on Tuesday in city. He leaves behind his wife Devaki (Mandepanda), son Deepak Uthaiah, daughters Changanda Kavitha Somaiah and Palechanda Shobha Suresh and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at SRS Mukthidhama, Hootagalli yesterday afternoon, said family sources.

KARNATAKA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Mandya Division, Mandya

No: KST/MDY/TR/Com/444/2024-25 Date:29.10.2024

Negotiation Notification-08/2024-25
(Negotiation for Advertisement display)

KSRTC, Mandya Division has invited Negotiation for advertisement, the interested individuals / parties / contractors / Agencies / Firms / social organizations etc. are eligible to bid for hoardings, arch, Unipoles, Glow sign Boards, Platform boards, Pillar boards Advertisements at all bus-stands of it's jurisdiction. The period of contract is 05 years. Download negotiation documents from **"https://ksrtc.karnataka. gov.in"** website submitting Negotiation application and Application fee & EMD D.D's submission **date:20.11.2024 at 10.30am to dt:21.11.2024 at 11.00am** and Negotiation will be Held on **Date: 21.11.2024 At 12.00.** visit Division office, KSRTC, Mandya Division, Mandya for more details and Contact no.77609960652, 7760990661, 7337680837.

Sd/- Divisional Controller,
KSRTC Mandya, Division.

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KARNATAKA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Mandya Division, Mandya

No: KST/MDY/TR/Com/443/2024-25 Date:29.10.2024

Commercial stalls Negotiation Notification- 07/2024-25

K.S.R.T.C, Mandya Division, Mandya. **Negotiation applications are invited** at Madduru Bus stand- General stall-07 & Madduru (Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway) – Mid way plaza(it's included 07 no's. of Constructed Stalls+Hotel(constructed premises) +2000sq.ft., open space for Advertisement display+ Toilet/Urinals/plaza area/parking area maintenances of housekeeping), Bannuru Bus stand- Two wheeler parking(O.P), Pandavapuara Bus stand- General stall-05, Melukote bus stand- General stall-01, General stall-02, General stall-03 and General stall-04, Jakkanahally bus stand- Hotel, Nagamangala bus stand- general stall-03, K.R.Pete bus stand- General stall-03, General stall-04, General stall-05, General stall-06, General stall-07, General stall-08 & General stall-11, Srirangapattana bus stand- General stall-05, Koppa Bus stand-General stall-03, Chinakurali bus stand- General stall-01 for the licensee, selection Download negotiation documents from **"https://ksrtc.karnataka.gov.in"** website submitting Negotiation application and Application fee & EMD D.D's submission **date:20.11.2024 at 10.30am to dt:21.11.2024 at 11.00am** and Negotiation will be Held on **Date:21.11.2024 At 11.30am.** visit Division office, KSRTC, Mandya Division, Mandya for more details. And Contact no.77609960652, 7760990661, 7337680837.

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Bhadrapada edition of Champaka Rashtreeya Kalaa Utsava held

Mysuru, Oct. 31- The 'Bhadrapada' edition of Champaka Rashtreeya Kalaa Utsava-2024 was held on Oct. 5 at 4.30 pm at the Champaka Academy premises in Ramakrishnanagar, with Bharatanatyam performances by accomplished artistes from Mysuru and Bengaluru.

The evening started with a Bharatanatyam performance by Vidushi Dr. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan, Founder of Champaka Academy, Mysuru.

Vachana Sahitya, a rich treasure of social and spiritual literature was well-explored with the feature 'Vachana Saurabha.'

She presented the vachanas 'Akka kelavva nanondu kanasa kande' by Akkamahadevi, 'Odihenemba odalu' by Chowdaiah, 'Attalitta hogadante' and 'Chakorange chandramana kantiya chinte' by Basavanna.

These vachanas with a social and spiritual message adapted through Bharatanatyam were indeed appreciated by the audience and the guest M.G. Sadanandaiah, President, Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru.

Thereafter, disciples of Vidushi Dr. Soundarya Srivathsa, Director of Nartana Keertana Centre for Performing Arts, Bengaluru, presented a Bharatanatyam recital.

Starting with Ambasuta Karivadana Kaayo composed by Vidwan D.S. Srivatsa, 'Anandamritakarshini,' a kriti by Muthuswami Dikshitar was presented praising Devi. Next was a Shiva Padam by Neelakantan Shivan.

All presentations brought out the spiritual fervour in full. They concluded with an Ashtapadi, Kshanamadhuna portraying the beautiful story of Radha and Krishna.

Vidushi Vidya Balachandra, Vidushi Mythri Madhyasta and Vidushi Sushmita Kashyap performed with grace and charm.

The evening concluded with a Bharatanatyam presentation by Vidushi Bhavana, Artistic Director of Sadhana Dance Centre, Bengaluru and her disciples.

They started with Pushpanjali and Ganesha Stuti. The famous Dharu Varna 'Maate Malayadhwaja' followed next showing the story of Devi also along with it. The last item was about Ashtalakshmi portraying the Devi.

Bhushan Brothers enthral audience on Vijayadashami

Mysuru, Oct. 31- Abhyuday Dhyan Bhushan and Abhignan Vedant Bhushan, sons and disciples of acclaimed Bharatanatyam artiste couple, Badari Divya Bhushan and Dr. Anjana Bhushan, presented 'Ramabhyudayam' for the Vijayadashami celebrations at Kalasindhu - Academy of Dance & Related Arts in Bengaluru.

The brothers brought all the Navarasas connected with Ramayana beautifully.

Abhignan's portrayal of Shurpanaka, Krishna, Jatayu and Hanuman was applauded and loved by audiences. Abhyuday, as Lakshmana, Shiva, Hanuman and Ravana, brought the characters to life and captivated the minds and hearts.

Script, music, costumes and choreography for the dance theatrical was by Badari Divya Bhushan. The production was very unique as the entire ballet was presented by the two brothers donning several roles and changing swiftly in between characters which was spectacular.

Kalasindhu Director Poornima Gururaja was present.

A grand dance festival of hundreds of artistes

Mysuru, Oct. 31- Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Mysuru, had organised the 45th, 46th and 47th International Kale Mane Festival and 4th International Kalemane Bharatanatyam Competition at its Kalemane Sabhaangana in Hebbal from Oct. 25 to 27.

This grand event celebrated artistes from various fields, including Bharatanatyam, Mohiniyattam and classical music and conferred the Annual Kalemane Kalashree Award on eminent persons from the media, cultural field and performing artistes. With over 250 artistes from various States participating, the dance fest symbolised unity in diversity.

On Oct. 25, as part of the 45th Festival, Amshi Prasanna Kumar (Journalism), Maruti Badiger (Cultural Organiser), M.R. Anand Raj Urs (Bharatanatyam), Dr. Padmashree (Bharatanatyam), K.S. Shaila (Bharatanatyam) and S.M. Sharath (Bharatanatyam) were honoured with Kalemane Kalashree Award in the presence of Vidwan V. Nanjundaswamy.

Following the awards, under the guidance of Dr. K. Kumar, students of KPAC presented a captivating two-hour-and-thirty-minute lec-dem and dance programme that enchanted the audience.

On Oct. 26, during the 46th Festival, Suryanarayana Murthy (Bharatanatyam), D. Manjula (Bharatanatyam), Kalamandalam Sreeja R. Krishnan (Mohiniyattam), Vidu. Saloni Jagadish (Bharatanatyam) and Vid. M. Gopal (Bharatanatyam) were awarded Kalemane Kalashree.

Following this, students and the awarded gurus together performed dance pieces.

On Oct. 27, 4th International Kalemane Bharatanatyam Dance

Competition was held in the morning featuring 36 competitors from various States. Vidwan K. Guruprasad inaugurated the competition, while renowned judges, including Vidwan Vikas from Tumkur and Vidwans Girish from Puttur and Chandrakumar from Chidambaram, Tamil Nadu, evaluated the performances, ensuring a successful event.

In the evening the same day, during the 47th Festival, Shamal Pawar (Bharatanatyam), Dr. Ronika J. Christie (Bharatanatyam), Vid. Guruprasad (Karnataka Classical Musician) and Shubha Dhananjay (Bharatanatyam) were awarded Kalemane Kalashree. Following the awards ceremony, mesmerising Bharatanatyam performances by the awarded gurus, along with Vidushi Archana, Vidushi Archana Chetana, and J.K. Ranika, enthralled the spectators.

For organising such a remarkable three-day Dance Fest and Bharatanatyam Competition, Dr. K. Kumar, his wife Dr. G. Malathy and their daughters, Lekha and Nidhi, who brought together renowned senior and junior artistes from across the country, were widely appreciated by the audience.

Noted personalities who were conferred with Annual Kalemane Kalashree Award during three-day International Kalemane Festival of Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Mysuru.

Celebrating Kannada and Karnataka

By Dr. B. Shakira Jabeen

We are celebrating 69th Rajyotsava Day on the first of November. At this juncture, it is necessary to fathom how we came to view language the way we do. How do we celebrate Kannada and Karnataka?

The linguistic States of South India were carved out of a large geographical area — Madras Presidency/Province, which encompassed many languages. Kannada, Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam speaking areas formed linguistic States.

Language scene of Karnataka is unique. Kodagu, Dakshina Kannada, Ballari, some parts of Bombay Presidency, merged with the Princely State of Mysore to form the Unified Kannada linguistic State.

Each of these areas is a multilingual space which brought in Kodava, Byari, Arebhashe, Malayalam, Tamil, Telugu, Konkani, Marathi and many more languages to the already existing multiple languages of Princely Mysore State. **What began as Mysore State, was renamed as Karnataka in 1973.**

'Hesarayitu Karnataka, Usiragali Kannada' was a dream that propelled the unified Karnataka to formulate policies to use Kannada language in all domains of life. Implementation of policies has been an ongoing process. It is heartening to see Kannada being used in the lower courts, signboards, offices, formal functions, television, marketplace and most other domains of life in Karnataka. Even non-Kannada speakers make an effort to speak Kannada.

Balancing opposite views

How language communities negotiate languages reflects much about the broader dynamics of their society. The multilingual people of Mysuru and Karnataka have developed a distinctive approach to managing multiple languages — a philosophy termed 'Multilinguality.' This mindset fosters an extraordinary ability to balance opposing views without conflict.

Multilinguality is a powerful tool that enables individuals and societies to understand and embrace diversity. Here, the notion of absolute right or wrong is set aside in favour of pragmatic language choices.

This approach means people might speak one language at home, another outside, a third for personal interactions, a fourth for entertainment, a fifth for religious practices, and yet another for education, with the flexibility to incorporate even more. Multilinguality enhances cognitive abilities and supports lateral thinking.

Classical language

While monolingual societies in the West are encouraging children to learn multiple languages, Karnataka's successive Governments have implemented language policies to ensure Kannada's prominence in the State. Kannada, one of India's scheduled languages, is also recognised as a classical language. Yet, even among the informed public, there remains a perception that their language may be under threat.

Who is truly threatening a State's official language? The blame game often clouds the issue, creating a fear psychosis that drives activists to push for stricter language policies without fully considering the broader impacts.

Karnataka, once a State of remarkable linguistic diversity in 1971, saw its diversity index drop to a 'moderate' level by 2001, indicating a shift among many communities towards dominant languages. Research on diversity indices suggests that robust linguistic diversity supports economic growth and that cultural diversity is intricately tied to linguistic diversity.

Technology and language

In sixty-eight years, Kannada has come a long way. It has a strong presence on social media and in the digital world. Kannada is prepared for machine translation. Kannada literature and knowledge resources are being translated into various Indian and foreign languages. Technology has further simplified language acquisition and preservation.

Both Kannada and Karnataka have reached a mature stage. As speakers of a developed, Scheduled and classical language, it is our duty to support smaller languages and their speakers, encouraging them to celebrate their unique linguistic heritage. Such an approach is not only generous but also vital to preserving that invaluable mindset — Multilinguality.

All languages within unified Karnataka are rich repositories of oral literature and unique perspectives, contributing to Kannada's growth and creating a broader Kannada identity — one that transcends the confines of any single language.

My research on language policy and public response has revealed some intriguing insights. People in Karnataka exhibit a fluid approach to language: they readily embrace Kannada in most domains but show hesitation when it comes to education.

This trend doesn't reflect on Kannada itself but rather on the evolving role of education in a globalised world, where employment, language and education are closely intertwined.

Linguistic diversity

Another key observation is a growing ambivalence toward language. People often express different sentiments on record than they hold in practice, with the urban-rural divide also influencing language choices and the prestige associated with specific languages shaping preferences.

A single-language focus is a remnant of the colonial era. A true post-colonial, 'Desi' or Kannada approach would encourage reading and writing in Kannada, the mother-tongue, the national administrative language, the associate administrative language, and even a tribal language. This multilingual embrace aligns with Karnataka's heritage of linguistic diversity.

[The author was Associate Professor of English, who now writes on language issues].

SET Merit Scholarship Award ceremony and felicitation to toppers held

Mysuru, Oct. 31 (KS) - City's Seshadripuram Degree College had organised the Eleventh SET Merit Scholarship ceremony and felicitation to College toppers at a function held at the College here recently.

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Dr. B. R. Ravikanthe Gowda, who was the chief guest, urged students to commit themselves to society, acknowledging that they are products of it and should strive to contribute positively besides highlighting that the youth, constituting 60 percent of the global population, hold immense potential for the country's progress.

However, he cautioned against impatience, emphasizing that true success requires patience and perseverance and warned the students against taking shortcuts that will lead to corruption.

Nadoja Dr. Wooday P. Krishna, Hon. General Secretary of Seshadripuram Educational Trust, presided.

R. Sneha from BBA, M. Manoj from BCA and S.S. Sahana from B.Com., all from the 2022-2023 graduating class of Seshadripuram Degree College were honoured on the occasion.

Scholarships ranging from Rs. 10,000 were awarded to 32 students who joined BBA, B.Com. and BCA courses for the academic year 2024-25, having scored between 90 percent and 95 percent marks in PUC. Additionally, 13 students who scored more than 95 percent were granted free education for one year and 18 students were presented with Appreciation Certificates.

B.A. Ananthram, Chairman of the Governing Council of Seshadripuram Educational Trust; T.S. Henjarappa, Vice-President; S. Seshanarayan, Hon. Joint Secretary; Trustees Paramashivaiah, P.C. Narayan, R.B. Mruthunjaya, C. Prashanth Kumar, N.P. Karthik, N.N. Anil Kumar and Dr. Ravi, Principal, N. Archana Swamy, Principal of SIPUC, Dr. K. Sowmya Erappa, Principal, students, parents and staff were present.

Ayodhya lights up for a record with 25 lakh diyas

Ayodhya, Oct. 31 (Agencies)- Ayodhya marked two historic achievements as Lord Ram was enshrined in his Palace after 500 years.

During Deepotsava-2024, a record-breaking 25,12,585 diyas lit up the city, surpassing last year's count of 22.23 lakh, and 1,121 vedacharyas jointly performed the Sarayu Aarti, setting another milestone.

Verified by Guinness World Records, the event showcased Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's commitment to Ayodhya, bringing global recognition to the city of Lord Ram.

Teachers of Ram Manohar Lohia Avadh University and its affiliated colleges, teachers and students, voluntary organisations, saints, local representatives, local administration, Ministry of Tourism and Culture played a big role in creating the record.

As soon as the scheduled time of lighting the diyas began, 25,12,585 lakh diyas were lit one by one amid the chanting of 'Shri Ram Jai Ram Jai Jai Ram'. With the announcement of the record by the representatives of Guinness Book of World Records, the whole Ayodhya resounded with the slogan of 'Jai Shri Ram'.

WORD OF THE DAY

Syncretism

Pronunciation: SING-kruh-tiz-um (Noun)
Meaning: Syncretism refers to the combining of different forms of belief or practice.
Origin: The ancient Greeks used the term synkrētismos to refer to Cretan cities allied in opposition to a common enemy. In the early 17th century, English speakers adopted the term in the anglicised form syncretism to refer to the union of different religious beliefs. Three centuries later, lexicographers of the 1909 edition of Webster's New International Dictionary of the English Language added a new definition of syncretism ("the union or fusion into one or two or more originally different inflectional forms, as of two cases"), but this specialised sense is rarely encountered outside of the field of linguistics. Some related terms that you are more likely to encounter are syncretize ("to attempt to unite and harmonize"), syncretist ("one who advocates syncretism"), and syncretic and syncretistic ("characterised or brought about by syncretism").
Example: "Explore the archaeological wonders of Chavín de Huantar, where history comes alive. This village, steeped in cultural richness, provides a journey into Peru's ancient past. 'The village of Chavín de Huántar is an example of how tourism can foster syncretism between religious traditions and ancestral cultural elements, generating experiences with a positive impact for the population and improving the quality of life of its residents,' said the UNWTO [United Nations World Tourism Organization]." — Laura Begley Bloom, Forbes, 26 Nov. 2023.

THE ODD WORD

Emetophobia
Fear of vomiting.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

For peanuts

Meaning: The phrase 'For peanuts' means to do something for very little or no pay.
Origin: The origin of phrase 'For peanuts' is credited to a Mr. Harry Mozley Stevens, who is often called the father of sports food service. An immigrant from England, Mr. Stevens began selling peanuts in 1895, when a peanut company called Cavanaros paid for advertising in the New York Giants game programs with peanuts, which Mr. Stevens would then sell to hungry fans. Mr. Stevens liked to jokingly state that he was "working for peanuts."
Example: "The students had very little money and were willing to work for peanuts."

QUOTE BOX

The dog that trots about finds a bone. **—Golda Meir**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: One eye on the clock.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Fashionable or stylish
4 Bjorn ___ : Swedish tennis great?
8 "__ _ Small World" (3,1)
12 Eggs
13 Winglike
14 Guru Nanak follower
15 Indian holy city
17 A kind of bean cultivated in Japan
18 Vote into office
19 S. American country
21 Light brown
23 Stringed instrument
27 Observation, in short
30 Minute, in short
32 Grind
33 "Retired" in short?
35 Implore
37 English elegist
38 Hearten
40 Large cask
42 A Programming Lang.
43 On all occasions
45 Strike light blows
47 Weblike membrane
49 Upper undergarments
53 Use soap and water?
56 Kitted out
58 Wicked
59 Bamboozle, beguile or gyp
60 Estimated time of arrival, in short
61 Infant or nursling
62 Cheek
63 Comics cry

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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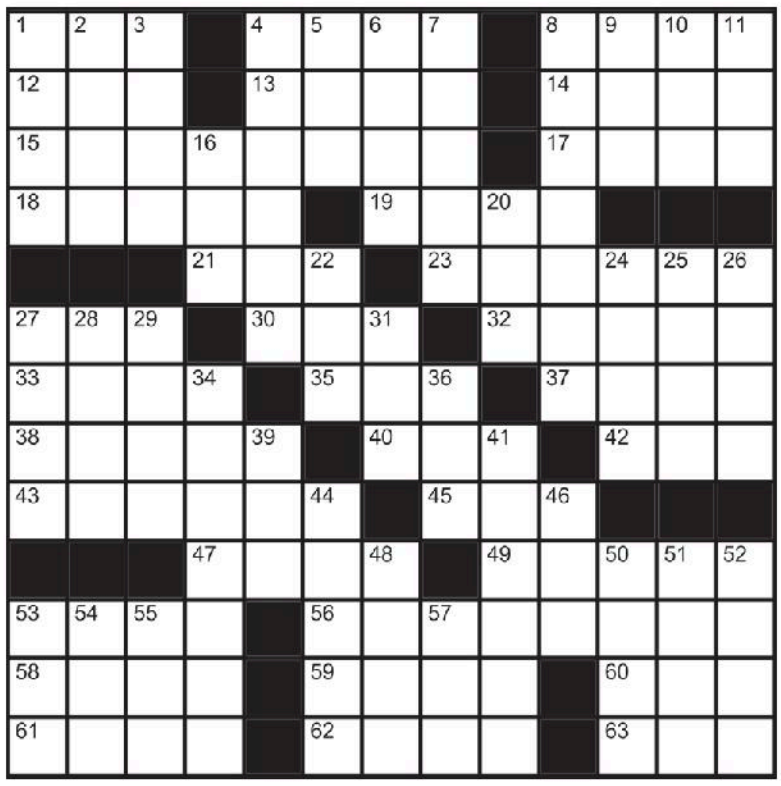
U	T	I	L	I	Z	E	D	■	F	A	R	O
H	U	M	■	T	E	L	A	■	U	P	O	N
F	E	E	■	O	N	E	S	■	L	A	P	S

DOWN
1 Change position
2 Elliptical
3 Risk - "read" anagram?
4 Small variety of domestic fowl
5 Uber competitor
6 Sound grating
7 Norwegian composer - "e.g. rig" anagram?
8 Publishing
9 Uncle in Spain
10 The heavens
11 "Take On Me" group (1-2)
16 Statute or law
20 Floor mat
22 Pen-point, beak
24 Scarlett's home
25 As soon as possible, acronym
26 Welsh seaside resort
27 A killer whale
28 Monish ___ : Nutan's son
29 Food cooked slowly in a casserole
31 Catch or ensnare
34 Fatal or ashen
36 Staying power or pluck
39 Type of grass
41 Armadas; sea forces
44 Snow vehicles
46 Vigour
48 Water in Latin
50 WWI German admiral
51 Head of Paris
52 Mt. Rushmore's state (1,3)
53 Spider house
54 Miss Gardner's first name
55 Sibling in old English?
57 Bull periods



SUDOKU

					1	6		4
		9	4					5
7				2			8	
	5		8			3		
	2						6	
		6			7		5	
	7			3				2
3					4	1		
6		4	2					

Answer to previous puzzle

5	9	1	8	4	2	7	3	6
3	2	6	1	5	7	8	9	4
7	4	8	3	9	6	2	5	1
9	3	7	5	6	8	4	1	2
4	8	2	7	3	1	5	6	9
1	6	5	4	2	9	3	8	7
2	7	9	6	8	5	1	4	3
8	1	3	9	7	4	6	2	5
6	5	4	2	1	3	9	7	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

ET, ITXH X HXGWKFS IFU SE BXDFGHC IFXLF ITFG

HTFZ HTVGJ HTXH HTFVD PTVKSDFG XDF GXVLF.

TODAY'S CLUE: H EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: There are three sides to any story, my side, his side and the truth.

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Lucky Baskhar (Ma)	(S-1)	9.55 pm
Venom: The Last Dance (E-3D)	(S-1)	1.30 pm; (S-2) 10.55 am
Bloody Beggar (Ta)	(S-2)	1.20 pm
Brother (Ta)	(S-2)	4.20 pm
Bagheera (K)	(S-2)	7.05 pm
	(S-4)	10 am, 1.05 pm, 4.10 pm
		7.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Ka (Te)	(S-2)	10.10 pm
Amaran (Ta)	(S-3)	10.05am, 1.15pm, 7pm, 10.15pm
Anna (K)	(S-3)	4.30 pm

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Amaran (K)	:	12.35 pm
Amaran (Ta)	:	6.35 pm, 9.30 pm
Venom: The last dance (E-3D)	:	1.10 pm
Bagheera (K)	:	1.15 pm, 3.20 pm
		4.40 pm, 6.25 pm, 9.30 pm
Bloody Beggar (Ta)	:	1.30 pm
Brother (Ta)	:	3.45 pm, 9.45 pm
Yalakunni (K)	:	4.15 pm
Lucky Baskhar (Te)	:	6.55 pm, 9.45 pm

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Bagheera (K)	:	8.30 am, 9.10 am, 11.50 am
		12.30 pm, 3.50 pm, 6.30 pm
		7.10 pm, 9.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 (H)	:	9.05 am, 3.40 pm, 6.35 pm, 10.15 pm
Lucky Baskhar (Te)	:	9.15 am, 12.30 pm, 7.05 pm
Amaran (K)	:	9.30 am
Amaran (Ta)	:	3.55 pm, 10 pm
Singham Again (H-2D)	:	9.50 am, 1 pm, 4.10 pm, 7.20 pm
		10 pm, 10.30 pm
Ka (2024) (Te)	:	12.25 pm
Bloody Beggar (Ta)	:	1 pm
Brother (Ta)	:	3.35 pm
Venom: Last Dance (E-3D)	:	7.25 pm

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Lucky Baskhar (Te)	:	8.50 am, 7 pm
Bagheera (K)	:	9 am, 12.20 pm, 12.25 pm
		3.40 pm, 7 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 (H)	:	9 am, 3.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Singham Again (H)	:	9.50 am, 1 pm, 4.10 pm
		7.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Amaran (Ta)	:	12 noon, 10.10 pm
Amaran (K)	:	3.30 pm

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

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Lucky Baskhar (Te)	:	8.50 am, 3.50 pm
Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 (H)	:	8.55 am, 12 noon, 6.45 pm
Bagheera (K)	:	9 am, 12.20 pm, 3.25 pm
		3.40 pm, 7 pm, 9.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Singham Again (H)	:	9.10 am, 12.20 pm, 3.30 pm
		6.40 pm, 10.20 pm
Brother (Ta)	:	10.10 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Mob: 9606976757

Amaran (Ta)	:	9 am, 6.40 pm
Singham Again (H)	:	9 am, 12.35 pm, 3.30 pm
		7.10 pm, 10 pm
Bagheera (K)	:	9.10 am, 12.10 pm
		12.30 pm, 3.50 pm
		6.40 pm, 7.10 pm, 10:30 pm
Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 (H)	:	9.10 am, 3.45 pm, 10.20 pm
Brother (Ta)	:	12.30 pm
Lucky Baskhar (Te)	:	3.30 pm, 10.10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (OCT. 31)

- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Exhibition, Exhibition Grounds, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **Inchara Kalakshetra:** Handmade (Paper Pulp) Dolls Show by K.S. Raghavendra, a 75-year-old artist from city, 'Inchara Kalakshetra,' 149/150, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Mahadeshwaranagara 2nd Stage, Vijayanagar, Mysuru, **4 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Gemini Circus:** Shows at Horse Park, near Karanji Lake, **4 pm and 7 pm.**
- **Tanumana Samsthe, Mysuru:** Dhamma Sangeethotsava led by singer Lakshmiram and State-level 'Dhamma Seva Ratna' award presentation, Urilingapeddi Mutt Seer Sri Jnanaprakash Swamiji graces the occasion, MLA D. Ravishankar inaugurates, former MLA B. Harshavardhan presides, RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **5 pm.**
- **Rangabhoomi Trust, Kodagu:** Staging of play 'Satyavanne Heluththene,' written and directed by former Rangayana Mysuru Director Addanda C. Cariappa, Kiru Rangamandira, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (NOV. 1)

- **Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple, Kalidasa Road:** Swathi Puja, Sankalpa, **8 am;** Abhisheka, **9 am;** Alankara, **10.30 am;** Mahamangalarati, **11.30 am;** Shattumorai, **12.30 pm;** Thirtha Prasada Viniyoga, **1 pm;** Prakarotsava, Temple premises, **7.30 pm.**
- **District Administration, Mysuru:** 69th Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa hoists flag in the presence of CM Siddaramaiah and Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, MLA K. Harishgowda presides, MPs Yaduveer Wadiyar and Sunil Bose chief guests, Oval Grounds, **9 am.**
- **Kannada Sahrudaya Balaga, Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru:** Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations, former Kannada Pusthaka Pradhikara Chairman Dr. Banjagere Jayaprakash hoists Kannada Flag, CSIR-CFTRI Director Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh presides and delivers Rajyotsava Messaga, Cheluvamba Mansion, CFTRI, **9 am.**
- **Basava Samiti, Hebbal-Vijayanagar:** Sharana Sangama-299, Kannada Rajyotsava and Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji's 109th Jayanti Mahotsava, Dr. C.P. Lavanya, Assistant Professor, Seshadripuram Degree College, delivers a lecture on 'Kannada Sahitya Parampareya Vishishta Prakaravagi Vachana Sahitya,' Basava Samithi President H.V. Basavaraju (Hinkal) presides, Basava Bhavan, CA No. 5, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **10 am.**
- **Inchara Kalakshetra:** Handmade (Paper Pulp) Dolls Show by K.S. Raghavendra, a 75-year-old artist from city, 'Inchara Kalakshetra,' 149/150, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Mahadeshwaranagara 2nd Stage, Vijayanagar, Mysuru, **10 am to 1 pm and 4 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Photography Exhibition:** Kalarava 2024 - three-day photography expo by wildlife photographers B. Shivakumar (Snake Shivu), K.G. Siddalinga Prasad and P.A. Ignatious Sunil, who received Artist of Federation of Indian Photography (AFIP) distinction for the year 2024, Wildlife photographers duo Kripakar-Senani will inaugurate the expo, well-known snake rescuer and wildlife conservationist Snake Shyam will be present, Suchitra Art Gallery, Kalamandira premises, **11 am.**
- **Gemini Circus:** 3 shows at Horse Park, near Karanji Lake, **1 pm, 4 pm & 7 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Exhibition, Exhibition Grounds, **2.30 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Mysuru Melody Singers Group:** Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations, Kannada Madhura Gayanotsava-2024 led by Mohan Kumar, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **4 pm.**

Weekend Show

Mysuru, Oct. 31- As part of weekend shows, Rangayana has organised staging of play '*Mussanjeyalli Nadeda Ghatane*' by Abhinaya Darpana, Chikkamagalur, at Bhoomigeeta auditorium in Rangayana premises in Mysuru on Nov. 3 at 6.30 pm.

The play, originally written by Friedrich Durrenmatt, is translated to Kannada by MSK Prabhu and directed by M. Vineeth Kumar. Music by Saishiv, costume by H.K. Shwetarani and lightings by Mahesh Kallatti.

Jayanti Mahotsava

Sri Rajendra Swamiji

Mysuru, Oct. 31- JSS Prasada Nilayagala Hiriya Vidyarthigala Sangha, Mysuru, Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Students Hostel, Mysuru, has organised Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji's 109th Jayanti Mahotsava at the Hostel premises in Gangothri Layout here at 11 am on Nov. 3.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion. Mangaluru District Judge Justice H.S. Mallikarjuna Swamy will inaugurate the event.

JSS Prasada Nilayagala Hiriya Vidyarthigala Sangha President and retd. DGP L. Revannasiddaiah will preside. Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation Director (IT) M. Shilpa and Joint Commissioner for Transport (Belagavi Division) M.P. Omakareshwari will be the chief guests.

Also, the Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of JSS Prasada Nilayagala Hiriya Vidhyarthigala Sangha (2023-24) will be held at the Hostel premises the same day at 3 pm.

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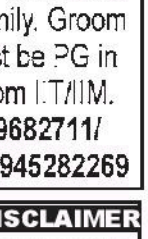

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